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(C) On February 22, DCM delivered reftel demarche and the February 15 statement to Ambassador Mankeur Ndiaye, the Chief of Staff at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ndiaye said that Senegal is in complete agreement with our analysis and concurs that the only real solution to the crisis is President Conte's exit. Ndiaye cautioned, however, that outsiders must avoid creating a vacuum that could lead to ethnic or regional strife. Ndiaye opined that neither the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) nor the African Union (AU) can convince Conte to step down nor for his constitutional successors to step up. Ndiaye said Senegal firmly believes that the UN Security Council needs to address the situation in Guinea because the crisis has the potential to destabilize the sub-region.  
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